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This instruction implements AFD 44-1, *Medical Operations*. It establishes procedures relating to the provision of services to members experiencing a medical or psychiatric emergency (i.e., suicidal, homicidal). It delineates the scope of services available and assigns responsibilities associated with the provision of medical or mental health services. It applies to all military and civilian members assigned or attached to Pittsburgh ARS including tenant organizations

1. Responsibilities. The 911 ASTS Commander (ASTS/CC) acts in a consultant capacity to the 911 Air-lift Wing Commander (AW/CC) concerning medical emergencies. All personnel assigned to the 911 AW should be familiar with procedures related to medical and psychiatric emergencies. The 911 ASTS is not a medical treatment facility and, therefore, is limited to the advising and tracking in the event of a psychiatric emergency.

2. Procedures:

2.1. Emergency Medical Services.

2.1.1. When an injury or serious illness occurs and emergency medical assistance is required notify 911 Security Forces Squadron (SFS) and provide the desk officer with the following information.

2.1.1.1. Type of assistance required.

2.1.1.2. Location of injured or seriously ill.

2.1.1.3. Callers name and the phone number from which this call is being placed.

2.1.2. 911 SFS will:

2.1.2.1. Notify contract ambulance service, when required.

2.1.2.2. Notify Allegheny County Emergency (ACE) for emergency medical assistance.

2.1.2.3. Dispatch a patrol car to the appropriate base gate to escort the ambulance to the event location.

2.2. Psychiatric Emergency.

2.2.1. Whenever the situation arises during or after normal duty hours, the first element to be notified is 911 SFS at ext. 911

2.2.2. 911 SFS will:

2.2.2.1. Dispatch a patrol vehicle immediately to the designated location.

2.2.2.2. Notify ACE.

2.2.2.3. Notify Valley Ambulance Company if transportation is required.

2.2.3. 911 SFS and ACE determine if protective use of restraints may be necessary for a member who is acutely agitated or severely disturbed and may harm themselves or others.

2.2.4. ACE determines if there are acute medical needs, in which case, a contract ambulance is alerted.

2.2.5. Any situation in which danger to self or others is suspected should result in transportation of the member to the closest available MTF (medical treatment facility) or to a safe containment area.

2.2.6. 911 SFS or preferably a member of the same unit accompanies members transported for evaluation.

2.2.7. 911 AW/CC, 911 ASTS/CC and 911 AW/JA must be notified within 24 hours of any psychiatric emergency.

2.2.8. If a member is transported for psychiatric evaluation; Security Forces should initiate steps to notify the member's group commander within 24 hours. If a member is active duty, the unit should be notified. If the member is admitted to a psychiatric facility, the 74th Medical Group's Mental Health Office, WPAFB, OH is notified by the 911 ASTS within 24 hours to determine future transfer or disposition of member.

2.3. Injured Personnel Not Requiring Ambulance Service:

2.3.1. This paragraph applies to persons with minor injuries who do not require ambulance transport.

2.3.2. During normal duty hours, personnel may be transported to the hospital by unit personnel utilizing a government owned vehicle.

2.3.3. After duty hours, the supervisor calls Valley Ambulance to dispatch emergency medical assistance to the scene. If additional medical treatment is required and ambulance transport is not required, the supervisor, or preferably the supervisor's designee, provides transportation to a civilian physician or hospital utilizing a government owned vehicle.

2.3.4. The use of government owned vehicles to transport individuals for medical care should only be used for minor emergencies. Any doubt as to the severity of injury shall mandate the use of ambulance transport.

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